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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Giovanni Rolando and Paolo Gaschino
Docket No.: SBC1003USC3

Anticipated Classification of this
application:

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Prior Application: 10/002,783

Examiner: Suzette Jackson

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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CONTINUATION APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b)

Dear Sir:

This is a request for the filing under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) of a
 continuation, divisional, continuation-in-part of pending prior Application No. 10/002,783, filed October 30, 2001, entitled ANGIOPLASTY STENTS and naming as inventors Giovanni Rolando, having an address of Via Nino Costa, I-10034 Chivasso (Torino), Italy; and Paolo Gaschino, having an address of Piazza Carletti 3, I-10034 Chivasso (Torino) Italy.

1. Enclosed are 1 title page, 20 pages of specification, 2 pages of claims (7 claims), 1 page of abstract, and 6 pages of formal drawings.

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2. Enclosed is a copy of the Declaration and Power of Attorney (4 pages). For the purposes of this application, the following inventors should be removed: Osvaldo Cerise and Franco Vallana.
3. Incorporation by Reference. The entire disclosure of the prior Application No. 10/002,783, filed October 30, 2001, is considered to be part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference.
4. The filing fee is calculated below.

| CLAIMS FOR FEE CALCULATION | | | | | |
|----------------------------|--------------|---|---------|-----------|---|
| Number Filed | Number Extra | | Rate | Basic Fee | |
| Total | | | | \$750.00 | |
| Claims 7-20 | 0 | X | \$18.00 | \$.00 | |
| Independent | | | | | |
| Claims 1-3 | 0 | X | \$84.00 | \$.00 | |
| Multiple | | | | | |
| Dependent | | | | | |
| Claims | 0 | 0 | X | \$280.00 | 0 |
| Total | | | | \$750.00 | |

5. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 16-2312. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed for that purpose.
6. A check in the amount of \$750.00 is enclosed to cover the required filing fees.
7. The prior application is assigned of record to Sorin Biomedica Cardio S.p.A. at Reel 9116, Frame 0201.

8. The Power of Attorney in the prior application is to: Thomas E. Popovich, Terry L. Wiles, Patrick J. O'Connell, Miriam G. Simmons and others.

a. The power appears in the original papers in the prior application.

b. A copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.

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9. An Information Disclosure Statement (2 pages), two copies of Form PTO-1449 (3 pages), and copies of two references are enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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